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## 37 C.F.R. 1.131 Declaration of Fred O. Hartmann

I, Fred O. Hartmann, state as follows:

- 1. I am a U.S. citizen residing at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.
- 2. I am a co-inventor (along with Allen C. Aaseby) of the above-identified invention as defined by all the claims, including claims 8, 14-19, 21 and 22, the invention of which all occurred within the United States of America.
- 3. The above-identified invention as defined by the aforementioned claims was reduced to practice prior to August 28, 2001.
- 4. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of a reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed and claimed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 2, 2001, as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.
- 5. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of an underside of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 2, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.
- 6. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of handle, locking plate and tongue member of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or

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about March 4, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.

7. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of the handle, locking plate and tongue member of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was

taken on or about March 4, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained

thereon.

8. Attached as Exhibit E is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of the

handle, locking plate and tongue member of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck

apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was

taken on or about March 4, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained

thereon.

I declare that all statements made herein that are of my own knowledge are true

and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and

further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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## 37 C.F.R. 1.131 Declaration of Allen C. Aaseby

I, Allen C. Aaseby, state as follows:

- 1. I am a U.S. citizen residing at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.
- 2. I am a co-inventor (along with Fred O. Hartmann) of the above-identified invention as defined by all the claims, including claims 8, 14-19, 21 and 22, the invention of which all occurred within the United States of America.
- 3. The above-identified invention as defined by the aforementioned claims was reduced to practice prior to August 28, 2001 as is evidenced by the attached Exhibits.
- 4. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of a reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed and claimed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 2, 2001, as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.
- 5. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of an underside of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 2, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.
- 6. Attached as Exhibit C is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of handle, locking plate and tongue member of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus.

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as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 4, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.

- 7. Attached as Exhibit D is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of the handle, locking plate and tongue member of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 4, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.
- 8. Attached as Exhibit E is a true and correct photocopy of a photograph of the handle, locking plate and tongue member of the reduced-to-practice hand-truck apparatus as disclosed by the above-identified application. The photograph was taken on or about March 4, 2001 as is evidenced by the date-stamp contained thereon.

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